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NEW YORK FARM BUREAU DELEGATES ELECT DIRECTORS TO THEIR STATE BOARD

Farm Bureau Also Awards Distinguished Service to Agriculture and James Quinn Awards

Albany, NY - During the New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting in Albany, voting delegates elected representatives to the State Board of Directors. It concluded the annual two-day long meeting where resolutions were discussed and voted on to set NYFB's 2016 public policy agenda.

The new board members include Richard Kimball of District 1. Kimball is a dairy farmer from Dewittville, NY and is a member of Chautauqua County Farm Bureau. Paul Fouts will represent District 5 on the State Board. He is a dairy farmer from Cortland, NY and is a member of Cortland County Farm Bureau. And Alexandra Wright is the new Young Farmer and Rancher Chairperson on the State Board. She was raised on an equine and hay production farm and is employed as an agronomist. Wright is from Salem, NY and is a member of Washington County Farm Bureau.

Re-elected to serve a two year term on the NYFB Board of Directors were John Sorbello of Shortsville, NY in District 3, David Fisher of Madrid, NY in District 7, Darin Hickling of Edmeston, NY in District 9 and Robert Nolan, of Patchogue, NY in District 11 on Long Island. Phyllis Couture of West Valley, NY was re-elected as the Promotion and Education Chairperson on the State Board.

In addition, New York Farm Bureau handed out the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards to three worthy individuals who have made an impact on New York Farm Bureau and agriculture in this state. The awardees are Harry Fefee of Brushton, NY and member of Franklin County Farm Bureau, Adrian Ooms of Valatie, NY and Columbia County Farm Bureau, and Ashur Terwilliger of Lowman, NY and Chemung County Farm Bureau. (Photos are below)

Finally, New York Farm Bureau announced three recipients of the James Quinn Award that recognizes extraordinary efforts by individual Farm Bureau members during the course of a given year "to serve and strengthen agriculture". The honorees include Karen Lohr of Vernon, NY and Oneida County Farm Bureau, Bill Olin of Nineveh, NY and Broom County Farm Bureau, and Thomas Thompson of Grand Island, NY and Erie County Farm Bureau.



NYFB President Dean Norton with Harry Fefee



NYFB V.P. Eric Ooms with his father Adrian Ooms



Ashur Terwilliger with President Norton